

HOUSE RESOLUTION 136

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lorie Shauntee' Nelson
of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lorie Shauntee' Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Lorie Nelson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, originally from Terre Haute, Indiana, Mrs. Nelson became a Nashville resident in 1992; she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Tennessee State University, and she also held an economic development certificate from the Economic Development Institute-University of Oklahoma obtained at the University of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, from 1993 to 2000, she served in senior positions for disability-service nonprofit organizations, The Arc of Davidson County and The ARC of Tennessee in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Lorie Nelson spent more than eleven years as an employee of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, where she was responsible for existing industry expansions and national business development recruitment; she was also the department's business enterprise resource go-to expert, providing technical services to veteran-owned, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses seeking to start a business and/or learn more about procurement opportunities available in federal, state, and local governments and in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, she served for three years as the Southeast Region Business Development Executive for Malace International HR firm, specializing in on-site human resources

management and contract-to-direct staffing services to the automotive, engineering, logistics, and manufacturing industries; and

WHEREAS, in May 2015, Lorie Nelson joined the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Economic Communities Initiative team as a consultant to promote economic success for veterans; she also served as a liaison to the Office of the Chief Army Reserve, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Private Public Partnership Office program, providing transition assistance services to soldiers, spouses, and veterans, and she served as an Army Readiness Specialist at the William F. Lyell Armed Forces Reserve Center in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her community, Mrs. Nelson hosted *Conversations with L. Shauntee*, a local talk show on community access cable television channel 19, and she served on an array of advisory committees and community boards, including the City of Life Community Development Corporations, the Middle Tennessee Society of Human Resource Management, the Mayor's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities, and the Multicultural Children's Institute of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Lorie Nelson was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of Elder Phillip J. Nelson and was the proud mother of five children; and

WHEREAS, Lorie Nelson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Lorie Shauntee' Nelson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Lorie Shauntee' Nelson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.